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## STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

On June 24, 2005, the Office Mailed an Office Action with respect to the above referenced patent application. Applicants requested a telephonic interview with the Office, and a telephonic interview was held on October 5, 2005 with Examiner Stephens representing the Office and Attorneys Ronald A. D'Alessandro and Hunter E. Webb representing Applicants. Applicants respectfully submit the following statement:

During the interview, the rejections of claims 22-28, 30-42 and 57-63 in light of Yamiki and Hisada were discussed. No exhibit or demonstration was submitted by Applicants. Applicants explained that Yamiki does not teach that an elastic is separately position on the portion above the front. Applicants further explained that Yamiki does not teach horizontal extensions as included in the claimed invention. With regard to Hisada, Applicants explained

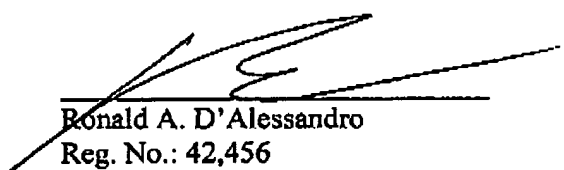
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that Hisada does not teach an extension that is absorbant. The Examiner indicated that these features were not sufficiently claimed as to distinguish them from the references.

Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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